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CET begins

- 10,368 students write exam in Mysuru district
- In a first, exams held at Taluk Headquarters
- Students' body temperature checked before entering examination hall

Mysuru, July 30 (RKB&DM)- The two-day Common Entrance Test (CET)-2020 for admission to Under-Graduate Engineering, Architecture, Agriculture, Horticulture, Pharmacy and other professional courses (barring Medical and Dental courses) in Karnataka, began today at 26 centres across the district, including 20 in the city alone.

The Karnataka Examination Authority went ahead with the conduct of the exam as scheduled on July 30 and 31, after the Karnataka High Court, which heard a petition challenging the conduct of the exam amid COVID-19 crisis yesterday, gave green signal for the test, following a submission made by the State Government that it had formulated an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for the conduct of CET-2020, taking into account the health and safety of students.

Today, on the first day, Biology and Mathematics papers were held and Physics and Chemistry papers will take place tomorrow (July 31). While the Biology paper was held in the morning session (10.30 am to 11.50 am), the Maths paper was held in the afternoon session (2.30 pm to 3.50 pm).

The 20 centres in the city included D. Banumaiah College, JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram, Gopalaswamy PU College near Nanjumalige Circle, Maharani PU College on N.S. Road, Maharaja PU College on JLB Road, Marimallappa PU College, Teresian College in Siddarthanagar, Vidyavardhaka PU College on Seshadri Iyer Road, JSS PU College on Ooty Road, Government PU College, Vontikoppal, SBRR Mahajana College in Jayalakshmipuram, Sarada Vilas College in Krishnamurthypuram and Government PU College, Hebbal.

For the first time, due to COVID-19 outbreak, the exam is being held at one centre in all the Taluk Headquarters of the District at H.D. Kote, K.R. Nagar, Periyapatna, Hunsur, Nanjangud and T. Narasipur.

(See CET on page 6)

Hotels as COVID Care Centres

- Win-win for business-starved Hotels and patients who do not have Home Isolation facilities
- Five-star Hotels and Resorts also open doors

Mysuru, July 30 (MTY & BCT)- Space is critical to surviving the pandemic. With a lot of homes not having enough room to isolate COVID-positive patients, hotels are offering rooms on their premises to be converted into exclusive COVID Care Centres. This is for non-critical and also asymptomatic patients.

This is a time when hotels in Mysuru are empty and it makes good business sense to offer rooms for COVID patients as the number of infections is seeing a surge and there are limited options of converting establishments into COVID Care Centres.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Mysuru Hotel Owners Association and Mysuru Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics and Diagnostic Centres (MAHAN) enabling hotels in Mysuru to offer over 3,500 rooms to accommodate COVID-19 patients. The agreement has been signed to create more and more facilities in case the infections go beyond control.

There are over 3,500 rooms in hotels of various categories in Mysuru and as home isolation is the norm these days many homes may not have the facilities to keep a COVID patient and there is a risk of the virus spreading to other members of the family in case there are no exclusive quarantine rooms in houses.

"Such people can opt for a stay in hotels and the treatment and day-to-day care will be provided by healthcare professionals associated with MAHAN. There are low range, mid range and high range category hotels in Mysuru that offer rooms from Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 4,000 per day. Along with room charges, MAHAN will add their service charge, doctors fee and other costs and these will be paid by the patient," C. Narayanagowda, President of Mysore Hotel Owners Association, told *Star of Mysore*.

(See HOTELS on page 6)

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	200
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	3,583
Total ACTIVE cases	:	2,310
Persons discharged	:	1,145
Deaths	:	128

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To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled "India acquires 'Shakti' with Rafale: Remembering Ajit Doval's Speech." —Ed

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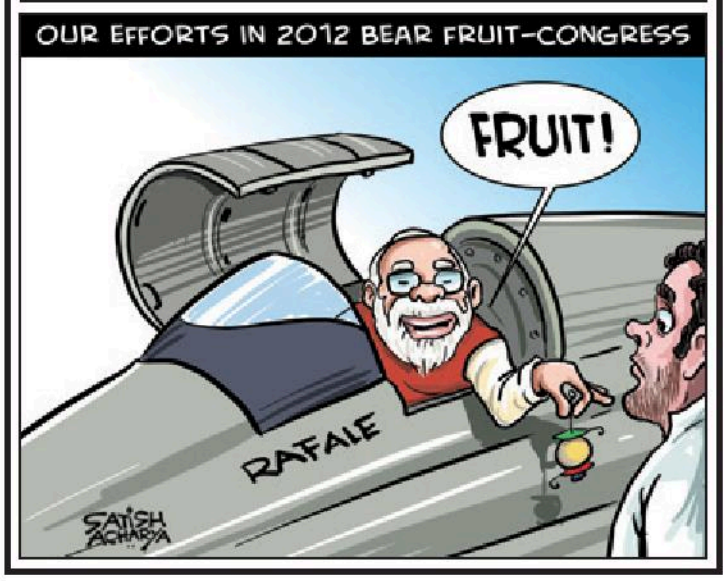
By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Thursday 30th July 2020

MLA asks party workers to don the role of Corona Warriors

Mysuru, July 30 (YDS&DM)- With people put to a lot of hardship due to the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, NR MLA Tanveer Sait has asked Congress party workers to take up the role of Corona Warriors in fighting for the cause of the people.

Addressing party workers at Congress Bhavan near the City Railway Station here recently, Tanveer Sait said that it was important for the party workers to instil confidence among the people at a time when they are scared of the virus.

He noted that the party workers should educate the people on the need for following COVID-19 norms such as social distancing, wearing of face masks and use of hand sanitisers.

Instructing the party workers to don the role of Corona warriors and respond to the problems of the people irrespective of their caste, creed and religion, he said that KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar has announced that party workers engaged in COVID-19 work will be brought under health insurance cover.

Referring to his absence from the Constituency for a few months, Sait said that he was forced to stay away from the people after he sustained serious injuries in a brutal assault on him at a wedding function in the city in November last. Now that he is heading NR Constituency COVID-19 Task Force, he will stay amidst the people of the Constituency and come to their help whenever needed.

Former Chamaraja MLA Vasu, who also spoke, said that he has written a letter to the Government seeking to despatch more number of CT Scanners, Ventilators, ECG equipment and other medical instruments to the designated COVID-19 Hospital in the city.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, MLC R.Dharmasena, Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar, City Congress President R.Murthy, former Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, party spokesperson M. Lakshman and other leaders were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There have been instances when disease mortality is so high that not offering even a half-baked drug or a vaccine would be unethical. That is a call regulators have to constantly take. But not all emergencies are the same. There is now a situation, as in the case of itolizumab, a psoriasis drug re-purposed for COVID-19, where the drug regulator has approved it for emergency use but the COVID-19 Task Force has expressed its reservations. Such dissonance among experts is unacceptable especially when they all have access to the same evidence. There is a tendency to view COVID-19 vaccine development or a new drug as a 'race' in which only the first vaccine to be out matters. Historically, vaccines, even those targeting the same disease, only get better over time. Will COVID-19 continuously linger as an endemic disease or will it mutate into oblivion? If it is the former, scientists can continue to work on better drugs or improved vaccines. Haste does not aid Science. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Software Engineer hacks former company to hire him back

New Delhi: A software engineer in New Delhi was arrested last week after reportedly hacking his former employer and deleting information in the hopes that he would be rehired.

The IT specialist, identified as Vikesh Sharma, used to work as a senior software engineer in the company until being fired during the the lockdown due to disagreement over his salary. Instead of looking for another job, Sharma allegedly hacked his former employer's database and deleted thousands of patient details, in the hopes that his former boss would contact him to rectify the situation.

That didn't happen... The IP was tracked and as soon as Vikesh tried deleting even more data, the Police caught him in the act. The software engineer was arrested in Old Maujpur on Thursday and he admitted his guilt.

Girl with six huge pythons as pets

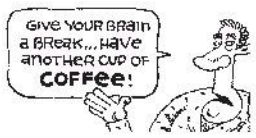
Purworejo: A 14-year-old girl in Indonesia has been getting a lot of attention on social media for her unusual pets – six giant pythons that she loves to pet and cuddle with in her videos.

Most people would run for their life at the sight of a full-grown python, especially one that looks like it could swallow an adult human with ease, but Chalwa Ismah Kamal isn't most people. The 14-year-old teenager, who reportedly hails from Purworejo, Central Java, shares her home with six massive pythons and appears to have no concern for her safety when she's around them.

Photos and videos of the girl playing, bathing and cuddling with the giant reptiles have been going viral on social media leaving viewers with their mouths wide open.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can coffee help me cut my cancer risk?



Five or more cups of caffeinated coffee per day can cut brain cancer risk by up to 40 percent, a British study reports. Five cups a day slashed throat and oral cancer risk by almost as much. Coffee was found to offer greater protection against cancer than tea.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Tanveer Sait seeks opening of COVID Care Centres at Hostels

Mysuru, July 30 (RK&DM)- With NR Constituency becoming a COVID-19 hotspot, NR MLA Tanveer Sait has written to Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar seeking establishment of COVID Care Centres (CCC) at VTU, Teresian College and Kendriya Vidyalaya Hostel buildings.

In his letter dated July 26, Sait said that as the Constituency is expected to witness more number of COVID-19 cases in the coming days, the District Administration can set up the CCCs at VTU, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Teresian Hostel buildings, which come under NR Assembly segment. The MLA also sought setting up of Fever Clinics at all Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and appointment of Doctors, Nurses and other medical shops at the CCCs.

He also wanted the authorities to classify all Private Hospitals in the district as COVID and non-COVID Hospitals and inform the public about the same.

Achievers felicitated

Three achievers from different fields were felicitated recently in city. Social worker Rajendraprasad Honnalagere, Retired Principal from JSS College M.S. Shivalingaswamy, Social Worker and Educationalist M.S. Balasubramanyam, who were honoured, are seen with Krishi Sahakara Sangha President Chinnaswamy, his deputy M.R. Mahesh, former Gram Panchayat member Hosakote Puttaswamy, Hulimavu Government School Head Master A.T. Rangaswamy, former GP member Murthy, Pratheesh and others.

Really...?

- ***Garlic, scientifically known as Allium sativum, is a close relative of the onion and is native to Central Asia. The garlic bulb contains several cloves and each clove is covered with a soft translucent peel. Garlic has been used as a seasoning in food as well as a traditional remedy for over 3,000 years. Sir Louis Pasteur, the scientist who discovered pasteurization, used the anti-bacterial qualities of this herb as early as 1858. A report in the Journal of Pharmaceutical Research suggested that one clove per day may bring a vast improvement in your overall health, while two to three cloves daily could help keep the common cold at bay.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A much-studied man went to a restaurant. He wanted to see the menu but he forgot the word MENU and asked the waiter: *Please bring the syllabus!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.83
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.07
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.37
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.97

VOICE OF THE READER

A dangerous path in Gandhi Square

Sir,

I came across a dangerous path in Gandhi Square recently where the High Tension electric pole was installed on the middle of the footpath!

Aren't the footpath meant for the pedestrians to walk safely in city? If you see the picture, there is hardly 5 ft footpath and exactly in the middle there is a minimum of 3ft thick pole which has been installed for the underground electric cable connection.

I really don't understand if the officials concerned are serious enough in ensuring public safety!! Have they not thought of the obstacle that will be caused if the pole be installed on the middle of the footpath! Where should the pedestrians walk?

If one observes the picture, there are two rods popping out of the pole — hardly 7 ft upwards from the ground. The pole and the material used on it is almost touching the nearby building.

I have observed similar pole installations in many places across the city. Don't they pose danger to the public?

—**Nithin Belgod**
Mysuru
28.7.2020

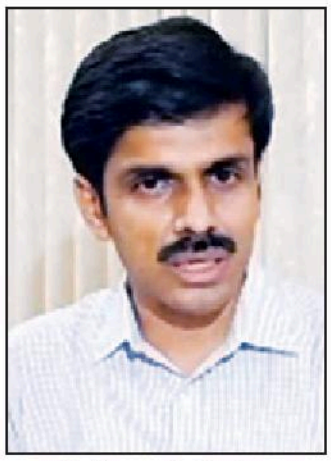
Out of State returnees cannot be forced to stay in hotels: DC

Mysuru, July 30 (PM&BCT)- The District Administration has dropped the policy of hotel quarantine for returnees from other States. Instead, the returnees are being asked to be in home quarantine for two weeks.

"Earlier, there was a system of mandatory hotel quarantine to all those who return from other States. We have dropped the policy since two weeks and all the returnees are being kept under two-week home quarantine," Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said.

He was responding to a query from *Star of Mysore* that some passengers who are arriving at Mysore Airport are being told to opt for mandatory hotel quarantine and some select hotels have been roped in for the purpose. Some readers told *SOM* that passengers arriving from other States are being directed to stay in particular hotels for three days and a section of hotels are offering this facility for minimum room charges of Rs. 2,500 per day.

The hotel stay was advised to all passengers despite them producing the 'already completed quarantine' certificates. Following complaints, the Deputy Commissioner was informed



Abhiram G. Sankar

about this. "Hotel quarantine no longer exists in Mysuru. No one can force any passenger to stay in a hotel and will initiate suitable action against people who force hotel stay. As of now there is no such rule as hotel quarantine. If the pressure on the Administration increases, such issues will be looked into later," he said.

No elections, meetings

On elections to various organisations and co-operative bodies, the DC said that the State Government has not permitted the conduct of elections and election-related meetings and activities. "It has come to the notice of the District Administration that some co-operative bodies and organisations are conducting election activities. Each case will be examined and if violations are found, action will be taken," he added.

Testing at taluks

On the testing front, the DC said that each taluk has been given 1,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits to scale up the testing process. "Still, only 25 to 30 tests are being conducted daily. Taluk Health Officers have been asked to speed up testing process and they have been asked to conduct tests at all Primary Health Centres. Testing in city areas is being carried out with the kits and also with the help of laboratories," he added.

A COVID Care Centre will be established at Andalus School in Narasimharaja Constituency in association with District Health Department while the existing care facility at Bibi Ayesha Milli Hospital is functioning well. "There are less than 400 COVID-positive patients at Karnataka State Open University Academic Centre at Mandakalli near Mysore Airport. Here we can accommodate 600 patients. There will not be shortage of beds as we have brought in the home isolation concept. Also, private hospitals are admitting COVID patients and over 200 infected people are being treated at various private hospitals," Abhiram Sankar added.

Siddu accuses BJP Govt.
of saffronisation of text books

Bengaluru, July 30 (KMS & DM)- Accusing the State BJP Government of pursuing a hidden agenda of saffronisation of text books, Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah alleged that the dropping of Chapters on Mohammad Pygamber, Tipu Sultan, Jesus Christ, Sangolli Rayanna, Rani Abbakkadevi and other great personalities from School text books was the first step in this regard.

In a series of Tweets on Wednesday, Siddharamaiah questioned Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on the State Government's move to drop Chapters on such towering personalities in Class 10 text books.

Declaring that the Congress will not allow saffronisation of text books, the former CM wondered whether the Committee which recommended this was bigger than the State Government.

Tanveer Sait condemns dropping of
Tipu Sultan Chapters from text books

Mysuru, July 30 (RKB&DM)- N.R. Congress MLA Tanveer Sait has strongly condemned the State Government's move to drop Chapters related to Tipu Sultan from School text books.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, Tanveer Sait said that Tipu Sultan, who fought the British, was not limited to a particular community. Tipu Sultan had maintained good relationship with Sringeri Mutt. He also has the distinction of introducing several administrative reforms during his time, he said. Maintaining that the Government was wrong in removing Tipu from the pages of History, he said that although he knew that the BJP Government would stop Tipu Jayanti, he had not anticipated that it would go thus far as erasing Tipu Chapters from text books.

Maintaining that the Text Book Committee headed by Baragur Ramachandrappa too was against the removal of Tipu Chapters, the MLA said that he would write to the Government in this regard.

Lashing out at the State Government for interfering in unnecessary matters at a time when the State is reeling under COVID-19 crisis, Sait warned of severe protest if the Government does not reconsider its decision of dropping Tipu Chapters.

Mysuru district sees 200 new COVID positive cases, reports five deaths on July 29

Mandya reports 70 fresh cases, Kodagu reports eight and Chamarajanagar sees 20 new cases

Mysuru, July 30 (KS)- Mysuru district reported 200 new COVID positive cases yesterday bringing the total number of positive cases to 3,583, according to the media bulletin received last evening.

As many as 1,145 patients have been discharged so far including 134 patients yesterday and there are 2,310 active cases in the district. Five COVID related deaths were reported yesterday and the total deaths so far are 128.

The following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, according to the State media bulletin yesterday evening.

MANDYA

The district saw 70 fresh cases and the total positive cases have reached 1,413. A total of 864 patients have been discharged so far and the total active cases in the district are 539. The district has reported 10 COVID related deaths so far.

KODAGU

Seventy new COVID positive cases were reported from the district yesterday bringing the total number of positives to 362.

With no fresh discharges, the total number of patients discharged so far is 266 and there are 90 active cases in the district. A total of six COVID deaths have been reported so far.

CHAMARAJANAGAR

The district reported 20 new COVID positive cases yesterday bringing the total positive cases to 593.

Fifteen patients were discharged yesterday and the total patients discharged so far are 334. There are 253 active cases in the district and the COVID related death toll so far is six.

NEWS BRIEFS

KSFC Mysuru Office shifted

The Mysuru branch Office of Karnataka State Financial Corporation (KSFC) will be shifted to a new premises at # P-9/1, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, 2nd floor, opposite Srikrishnadhama in Saraswathipuram from tomorrow (July 31). For details contact Ph: 0821-2344930 or 2344524 according to a press release from DGM Gopal Bairy.

Calling barbers, washermen

The last date for barbers and washermen to apply for financial aid of Rs. 5,000 under Karnataka State Unorganised Workers Social Security Board, who were unable to conduct business due to COVID induced lockdown, has been extended till Aug. 10. The beneficiaries are requested apply through Seva Sindhu app. For details contact Ph: 0821-2343990, according to a press release from Deputy Labour Officer.

No power supply today

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted today till 5 pm in the following areas: FTS Circle, St. Philomena's Church, Indiranagar, Ashoka Road, Five Light Circle, Traffic Police Station, Meena Bazar and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC.

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(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.50 ft
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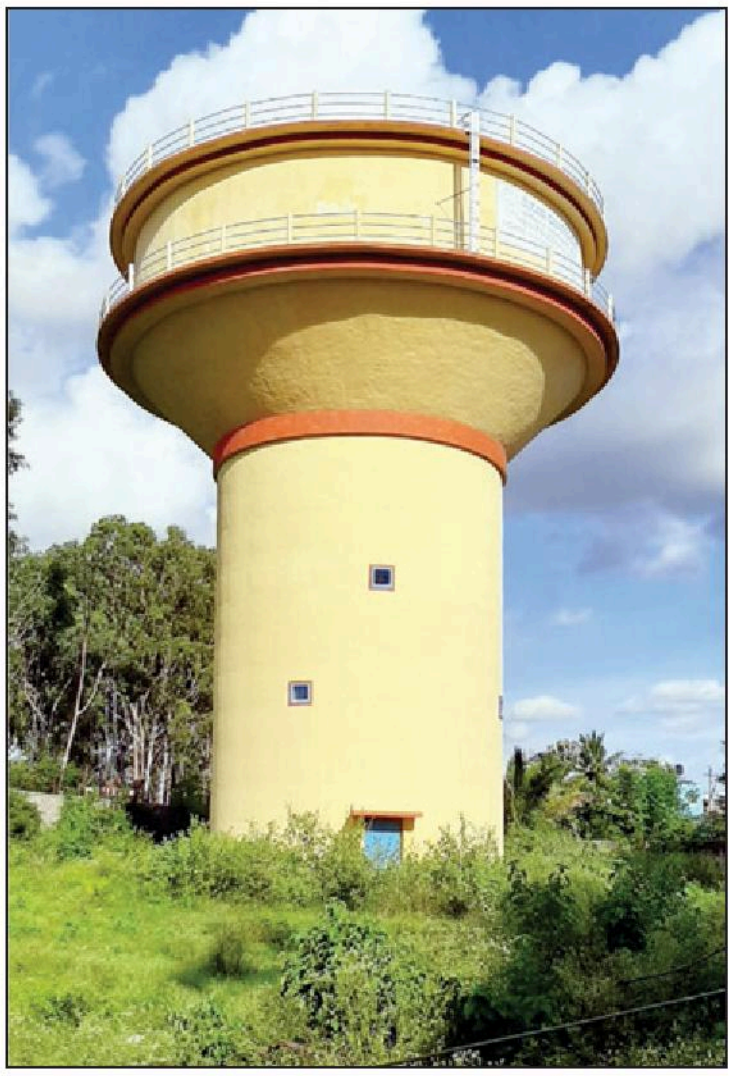
Overhead Tank at Bogadi waits for water since four years !



Mysuru, July 30 (MK&BCT)- Several Government welfare programmes where crores of rupees are spent and where there will be much fanfare during inaugurations actually do not reach people. Constructions made to implement these programmes are not used most of the times and they stand as a testimony to the carelessness of the official machinery and apathy of elected representatives.

A case in point here is a huge overhead water tank in Bogadi Second Stage Ward Number 44 of the Mysuru City Corporation. The 10-lakh litre storage tank has not been used since years and now weeds have covered the premises and a home to rats, rodents and snakes. With no water inside, the tank is facing a danger of cracking in hot sun.

When the foundation stone was laid, over 2,500 residents of the area (Bogadi North) heaved a sigh of relief that once the tank is built, their perennial water shortage would be addressed. Even the elected representatives and the officials had assured the residents that they would get regular water supply enough to maintain their needs.

The residents too were relieved that their dependence on MCC's water tanks and borewells would come to an end. Every other day they had to stand in a queue near the tankers to get their share of potable water. Finally the overhead water tank was built at a cost of Rs. 94 lakh. It was painted and the usual MCC name-board came on top of it and was made ready to use in 2016.

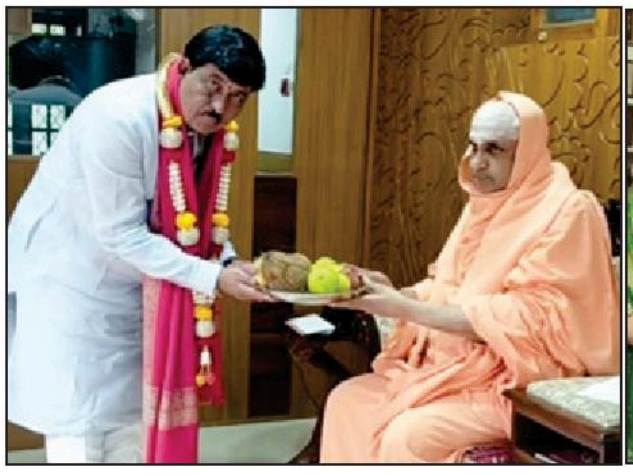
Four years have passed, there is no sign of water filling into the tank. "When there is no water supply to the tank, what is the point in constructing such a huge water tank? Is it to pocket commission out of the tender called for construction," questioned a resident.

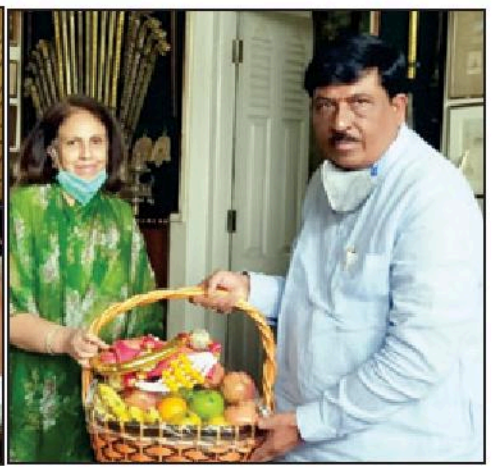
The 10-lakh litre tank would be sufficient to meet the needs of all the 2,500 residents at present and also enough to meet the demands in the near future in case the areas extend beyond the existing area boundaries. "Frankly we do not understand the logic behind constructing the water tank without water. It is like money spent on water tank going down the drain," the resident added.

When *Star of Mysore* questioned Corporator Savitha Suresh, she had a different story to tell. She says that the tank was built by her predecessor and she was trying to connect the tank with a pipeline. "The tank has been constructed without laying a pipeline. We need Rs. 3.59 crore to draw water to this tank from Vijayanagar Central Water Storage Reservoir. Tenders have been called and work order has been allocated. Construction will begin soon," was her reply.

Everywhere, water tank and pipeline work generally goes hand-in-hand. But why was the tank constructed years before the pipeline was laid, no one has an answer. The only hope the residents have is that the pipeline be laid promptly bringing water to their homes.

Murugesh Nirani invites Suttur Seer and Pramoda Devi for Sugar Factory re-opening on Aug. 11





Mysuru, July 30 (MTY&DM)- Having set Aug. 11 as the date for re-opening of Pandavapura Sahakara Sakkare Karkhane (PSSK), BJP MLA from Bilgi Murugesh Nirani, Chairman of Nirani Sugars (MRN Group), which has taken over the Sugar factory on a 40-year lease from the Government, visited Suttur Mutt yesterday and invited Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji for the ceremony. Nirani also visited the Mysore Palace and invited Pramoda Devi Wadiyar.

Later speaking to presspersons, Nirani said that he, as an Industrialist, has invited Suttur Seer and Pramoda Devi for the inaugural function at Pandavapura Sugar Factory on Aug. 11.

Stating that he will also invite all the 224 MLAs, Nirani, who is also a former Minister, said that farmers were not opposing the takeover and even JD(S) and Congress leaders too have extended their support.

Maintaining that local MLA C.S. Puttaraju too has looked upon him as a brother, he asserted that there will be no hurdles for the re-opening.

Replying to a question on taking over Mandya's MySugar Factory too, the MLA said that as an industrialist, he will take part in the tender whenever it is invited and no one in his party was opposed to it.

Claiming that he heads a Rs. 5,000 crore turnover Industrial Group, he asserted that he will stay in the BJP even if the party denies him the ticket in future polls.

Replying to a question on the visit of Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi to New Delhi, he said he does not know much about it as he is very much engaged in the preparations for the re-opening of Pandavapura Sugar Factory.

He further said that B.S.Yediyurappa will remain as the Chief Minister for the next 3 years.

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- Classrooms, reception area and corridors will be regularly sanitized.
- Day scholars will be screened daily before entry to the college and students / parents will be advised to avoid public transport and movements to crowded places and gatherings.
- A fulltime trained Health Consultant and advisor will be available in the college to monitor student and staff health, maintain gathering places clean and sanitized, ensure that the food menu in the canteen is nutritiously balanced and enable enhanced immunity.
- The institution is prepared to address a wide range of mental health needs of the students. The college will provide the mental health support to any students struggling with stress or with the signs of anxiety from the pandemic.

Note: It is the responsibility of every one of us (Management, Staff, Parents and Students) to ensure that we take all necessary precautions to safeguard our health and safety.

Resident student's daily schedule:

The resident student's daily schedule starts early morning 5.00AM until 10.59 PM with sleep time from 11.00 to 4.59 AM. The activities during the period 5.00 AM to 10.59 PM includes yoga, physical exercise, morning physical rituals, morning study hours, breakfast, pre-lunch regular class hours, lunch break, post lunch regular class hours, snack break, evening study hours, dinner break and focussed study hours.

Focussed study classes are dedicated to weaker students / slow learners, attended by the respective subject teachers, lecturers and specialists.

Yoga, Sports & Fitness activities:

In order to achieve Holistic Growth and Development (Physical, Mental and Emotional) of every student, Yoga, Sports and Fitness activities form a part of the daily schedule.

Counselling cell:

Experience Counselors and faculty, guide and assist students throughout their study at the college, providing appropriate assistance at each stage of the student's development, growth and progress. The process helps students to develop their knowledge and guide them in their thinking interests, values, competencies and personal characteristics.

Counselors provide a confidential atmosphere in which students can explore any topic or situation and discuss any concerns that they may have. Students are assisted and guided to work through their problems, develop awareness and resolve challenges, appropriately.

Adventure & Excursions:

Adventure is a physical challenge, a simple desire to pick a patch and measure up to the terrain and the natural elements. The adventure component adds the spice of uncertainty, raising the stakes of students to test themselves of their physical and mental abilities in unfamiliar territory. The Institution facilitates extracurricular activities and outings, periodically during holidays.

The college **website www.dakshapucollege.com** gives all necessary information that the students and parents would like to have relating to PU Science & Commerce combinations of study.

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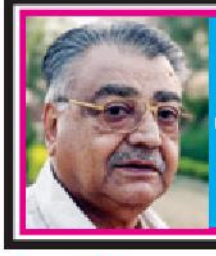

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

India acquires "Shakti" with Rafale

Remembering Ajit Doval's Speech

Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor.

Recently I received a forwarded *WhatsApp* in Hindi, a speech by **Ajit Doval, our National Security Advisor (NSA).** Being a student of Ancient, Medieval and Modern (not current) Indian History in my graduate classes, it interested me. I guess it was an old long speech, the subject being such.

I requested R. Chandra Prakash, former President and now a member of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), a well-known NGO of our city, to translate it to English for me and he obliged. So here I am.

My reading of Indian History, written both by whitemen and Indians, clearly makes me learn that our Hindu Kings of the early 10th century ruling their individual Kingdoms in different parts of what was called "Bharata" or "Bharatavarsha" were defeated one after the other by foreign invaders mainly because of two reasons: **1. The principle of *dharma*, strictly followed by Hindu Kings in times of war and when enemy was defeated. 2. The presence of Hindu Traitors inside the Palace and the Army holding high offices.**

Every time the enemy invader was defeated, the invader was forgiven, granted pardon by the victorious Hindu King in keeping with his *dharma*.

But, the same enemy returned with more forces, better prepared, to launch a surprise attack and because of Hindu Traitors the enemy won. And the victorious invader did not have the kind of *dharma* to be followed like the Hindu Kings had and followed. In any case, for the invader the end in a war mattered, not the means. The invader would not even forgive the defeated Hindu King just as he was forgiven by the Hindu King when the invader was defeated earlier.

In fact, my understanding is, this phenomena of 'enemy within' helping the invading enemy first began in 326 BC when Alexander the Great invaded India from North-West winning the Hindu (follower of *Sanatana Dharma*) King Porus of Pauravas at the battle of Hydaspes. It was Raja Aambhi of Taxila who helped Alexander in his war with Porus the Raja in the region of then Punjab. Let it be. But pray the same phenomenon should not continue nor must be allowed to continue by our present rulers. I get a feeling that no effort was made after Independence till Indira Gandhi came to power to curtail this trend. However, after Indira Gandhi till Modi came to power the old phenomenon seemed to have surfaced. Hope India's future dealings with its external and internal enemies will be different, absolutely pro-National. Pro-One United India.

Let us remember the time tested proverb *"United we stand, divided we fall."* It was big empires in India founded by "An Indian Julius Caesar" (as described by a foreign historian) Chandragupta Maurya (320-200 BC), Ashoka the Great and Gupta (300-500 AD) that was a strong deterrent to foreign invaders, for example. It was only after India of the ancient and early 1st century AD got divided under different Hindu Kings that it became easy for foreign invaders to defeat these Kings one by one by means fair or foul. We all know that at the time we got Independence in 1947 there were about 565 Kings, Nawabs and Sultans ruling a divided India.

Now if we go to epic period, the strength of India was in its divine-like Kings and their far-flung empires. No wonder in the *Ramayana* it is claimed that Taxila (now in Pakistan) was founded by one of Lord Rama's nephews. *Mahabharata* says that this story of the great war was first told in Taxila.

I am ruminating on this important question of National Security and Sovereignty of our Nation after reading **Ajit Doval's Speech** and the news of the arrival of first batch of five Rafale Jet fighters from France to join the fleet of IAF. It is said Rafale jets are unmatched among its class of jets in the world. So India's Defence capability is further strengthened, now specially to meet China's present challenge in Ladakh.

Ajit Doval's speech is important for us today in the highly charged border situation of our country. He says that he believes in the principle of "Shakti", power. Best is to quote him to understand fully his belief.

"History is world's biggest Court. There is no other Court bigger than that. The decision of the Supreme Court, the High Courts or even the Election (to different offices) will be only transient. After all these proceedings, what is left is only the History. ***And History has consistently decided in favour of only those who were powerful.*** *History has never favoured those who followed the path of Truth and Justice (dharma)."*

Ajit Doval then poses a most pertinent, intelligent and sensible question:

"Today, why is that there is Babar Road and not Rana Sanga Road in Delhi?"

He answers it himself: *"It is because Rana Sanga was defeated and Babar had won."*

Good for our country if our own rulers, whoever they are, learn these lessons from History. Otherwise...

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MLC opposes relocation of Government Colleges

Mysuru, July 30 (PM&DM)- JD(S) MLC Marithibbegowda has urged the Government to cancel the order on shifting of Government First Grade Colleges at Terakanambi in Gundlupet taluk of Chamarajanagar District and Hallimysuru (H.N. Pura taluk), Hethur (Sakaleshpur taluk) and Arehalli (Belur taluk) Colleges in Hassan, all coming under his Constituency limits.

In a letter to Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, Marithibbegowda, who represents South Teachers Constituency, said that the Government has passed an order on May 18, 2020, relocating 6 Government First Grade Colleges which have less than 100 students. Pointing out that four of them are situated in his Constituency, he said that barring the College at Arehalli, three others have new buildings. All these Colleges are imparting education to poor students, he said and urged the Minister not to relocate them elsewhere in the interests of the students.

CET begins in city

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A total of 10,368 students from the district are appearing for this all important exam. All the students were required to arrive at their respective centre two hours ahead of the start of the exam and it was mandatory to wear face masks.

Also, all the students were thermal screened for body temperature and were asked to use hand sanitisers before being allowed inside the Exam Hall. Also, all the exam centres were thoroughly sanitised.

The District Administration had set up an exclusive centre for three students of the district, who had tested positive for COVID-19, at KSOU's Academic Bhavan at Mandakalli, which is a COVID Care Centre.

The authorities had made arrangements for ferrying them to this centre in an ambulance to and fro from their place of stay, with all the health measures in place.

Just before the start of the exam, the exam papers were despatched to all the centres in designated vehicles on 10 identified routes under tight Police security.

As a measure for the smooth conduct of the exam, the city Police had clamped prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC in 200 metre radius of all the exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm on both the days. Accordingly, no unauthorised person was allowed inside the centres and all photocopy and stationary shops in the vicinity were asked to shut down. A number of Police personnel were stationed at all the centres as a security measure.

Although the exam was scheduled last month itself, there was uncertainty on the conduct of the exam as the Karnataka High Court only on Tuesday had asked the State Government to reconsider the dates in view of the rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. But the Court on Wednesday gave the green signal for the test, following a submission by the State Government on its readiness and the precautionary and safety measures that it has put in place.

Hotels as COVID Care Centres

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"This facility will actually help total isolation from the families and will also curtail the spread of the virus. Good food, accommodation, healthcare and other facilities will be provided to patients and this will also help business-starved hotels to earn some income. We are under terrible losses after lockdown and even now, there are no bookings," he added.

This is to handle asymptomatic-positive and mildly symptomatic patients who do not need critical care, who cannot isolate at home. "Hotels will become extensions of hospitals and hotel staff will be trained in various aspects of patient care including diet, since all meals are provided. Nurses and doctors will be posted for patient care by MAHAN. If complications arise, patients are shifted to the hospital," Narayanagowda revealed.

The MoU has been signed and will be implemented after informing the District Administration and the Health Department. "In case a family has two COVID-positive patients, they can be accommodated in a double room. In other cities like Bengaluru, Delhi Mumbai and Kolkata such system prevails. There have been two major kinds of people who have chosen this kind of isolation in other cities — those with aged parents and very young children at home. For them, this is the best way to isolate," he added.

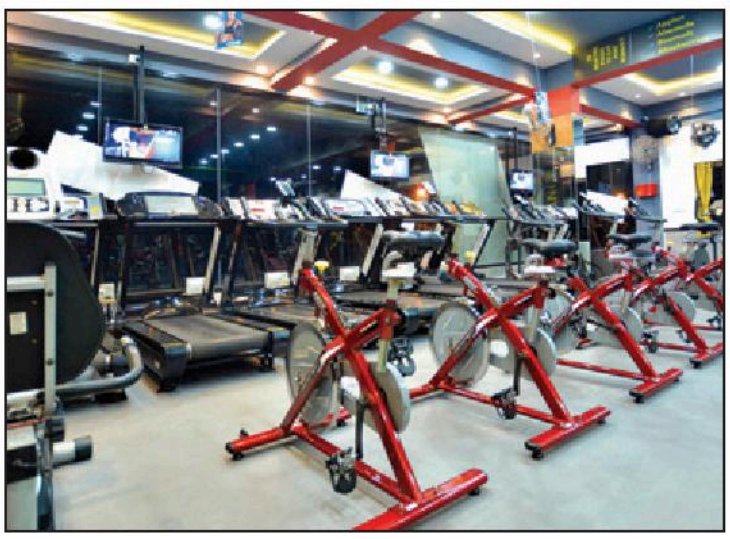
Mysuru Stay COVID Care Centre is another such COVID Hotel offering four-star facility for COVID patients.

Gym, Yoga classes opening in Mysuru from Aug. 5

Will wait for State guidelines, say DC, Police Commissioner

Mysuru, July 30 (MTY&BCT)- With the Centre bringing cheer for gym owners, fitness enthusiasts and Yoga Schools by allowing them to operate from Aug. 5 as part of its Unlock 3.0 guidelines issued yesterday, the Mysuru District Administration and the Police have decided to wait for the guidelines from the State Government.

"We will wait for the guidelines that will be issued by the State Government and will follow them," Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta told *Star of Mysore* this morning.



Yesterday, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has allowed gyms and yoga centres to reopen from Aug. 5 if they follow specific Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, cinema owners have been left disappointed once again. Cinemas, schools and colleges, swimming pools and recreational clubs continue to be on the restricted list of the Centre.

After receiving a representation from cinema owners, the Information and Broadcasting Ministry had recommended to the MHA that halls could be reopened with 25 percent seating capacity. However, the MHA felt the time is not right yet as Coronavirus numbers continue to grow. Night curfew has been removed, allowing people to work in night shifts or freely move about for work or other purposes.

The guidelines said that strict restrictions will continue in containment zones till Aug. 31. The States will still have the freedom to decide if they want to impose restrictions even though the Centre has removed them. Many States have brought back complete or partial lockdowns in wake of rising Coronavirus cases.

On schools and colleges, the guidelines said, "After extensive consultation with States and UTs, it has been decided that schools, colleges and coaching institutions will remain closed till August 31, 2020." Restrictions on international air travel and rail travel as existing earlier shall continue.

Welcoming the Centre's decision to remove night curfew decision, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda said that the existing night curfew from 9 am to 5 am was hard on hotels. "Customers had to wind up eating at 8.30 pm. As it is, a death blow was rendered on hotel business. Now since the night curfew is gone, at least we can open hotels till the usual 10.30 pm," he said.

Gym owners elated

M.S. Harsha, President of Mysuru Gym and Fitness Owners' Association said that the Centre has indeed given them the good news and all precautions will be followed to contain the COVID spread. "In Mysuru, there are over 250 gyms and fitness centres having a customer base of over 50,000. All of us are out of jobs since March and some have switched over to alternative professions," he said.

Each gym gets an average of 100 to 200 customers and each gym has a dedicated set of 15 staff including trainers, dieticians, and receptionists and housekeeping staff. "Opening the gyms will get them back in employment track. We will follow the Standard Operating Procedures laid down by the Centre and State," he said.

Harsha added that most of the gyms in Mysuru function in rented premises. "We request landlords to exempt us from rent for at least some time and have a humanitarian attitude towards us. Even after we start business, there will not be any takers initially and maintaining the gym will be a Herculean task," Harsha added.

COVID-19 effect

All operation theatres of K.R. Hospital shut

Mysuru, July 30 (RK&DM)- With the city's biggest Hospital, the K.R. Hospital turning into a COVID treatment Hospital, all the Operation Theatres (OT) of the Hospital have been closed temporarily. As a result the poor patients, who look up to this Hospital which is popularly called as 'Doddaspatre' for their health care, are put to a lot of hardship.

At present, 80 patients suffering from SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Illness) are in the IPD (In-Patient Department) wards on all the four floors of the Hospital. They are kept here with oxygen support until the COVID-19 test lab reports are out.

As COVID-19 patients are being treated as in-patients, all the 18 Operation Theatres (OTs) of K.R. Hospital have been closed and as such no surgeries are being performed now. On normal days, the doctors used to perform about 30 surgeries on an average every day.

As the OTs have been shut, doctors at Departments such as General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Urology, Orthopaedics and ENT have been referring patients to Private Hospitals, where treatment is expensive, thus driving the poor patients to a lot of difficulty.

VIRTUAL EXAM

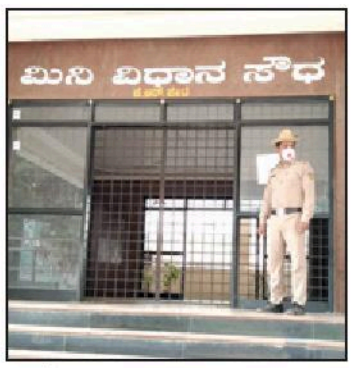
With operation theatres at it's attached Hospital (K.R. Hospital) closed, the MMC&RI has been forced to conduct computer-based virtual exam for MBBS and Post-Graduate students after the cancellation of practical exams due to shutting down of operation theatres.

OPD closed for Half-day: Adding more problems for poor people, the Hospital's OPD (Out Patient Department) has restricted its working to half a day. As a result, the number of patients visiting the OPD has dwindled, with hardly 200 patients visiting the Department everyday as compared to over 1,000 patients on normal days in the past.

The huge dip in the number of patients has become a cause of worry for medical students and as well as the teaching faculty, as both theory and practical classes have taken a severe hit.

K.R. Pet Mini Vidhana Soudha sealed down

K.R. Pet, July 30 (Srinivas &KS)- The Mini Vidhana Soudha at K.R. Pet has been sealed down for two days (July 30 and 31) after a 'D' Group employee tested positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) yesterday, according to the press release from Tahsildar M. Shivamurthy, who has requested the public to co-operate.



The Tahsildar has further stated in the press release that the Group 'D' employee had been working relentlessly since four months to prevent the spread of the deadly virus and had undergone COVID test. The result of the test was declared yesterday and as he has tested positive, the Mini Vidhana Soudha is sealed down completely today and tomorrow.

The Tahsildar has requested farmers and public not to come to the Mini Vidhana Soudha, where taluk offices are located. He has also urged the public to compulsorily wear face masks, maintain social distancing and avoid venturing out of houses unnecessarily to prevent the spread of the virus.

Mandya bandh for ban on mining around KRS Dam evokes poor response

Protestors arrested, released later

Mandya, July 30 (Nagaiah& KS)- The Mandya bandh, which was called to urge the Government for a permanent ban on mining and stone quarrying in 20 km radius of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya District and supported by various organisations received poor response yesterday. The bandh was called by *Cauvery-KRS Ulivigagi Janandolana Samithi.*

While members of various farmer organisations and pro Kannada organisations staged a protest, almost all the shops except in *Pete Beedhi* were open and traffic on almost all roads were normal. The members of various organisations were seen asking shop owners to close the shops and support the bandh. A bike rally was also taken on *Pete Beedhi,* Guttalu Road, Ambedkar Road and V.V. Road in support of the bandh.

As members of various organisations came forward to take out a protest march from Silver Jubilee Park, the Police arrested more than 50 persons. Leaders Prof. G.T. Veerappa, Kempegowda, Shambhunahalli Suresh, Guruprasad Keragodu, B.M. Nagannagowda, Krishna and others were also arrested and were later released on bail.

Obituary

G.L. Gajaraj

Mysuru, July 30 - G.L. Gajaraj (94), retired employee of the Government Text Book Printing Press and a resident of Akbar Road in Lashkar Mohalla passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

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Decoding Mythology

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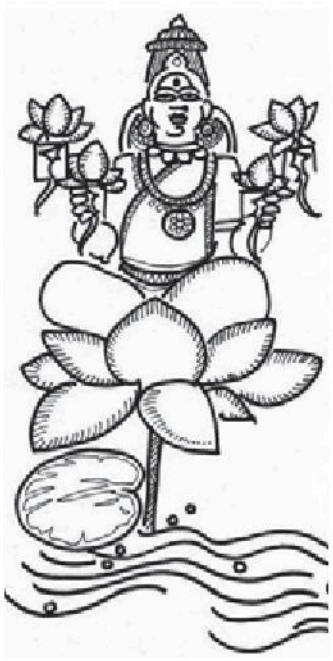
When Lakshmi flows



Lakshmi is the Goddess of Wealth. One of her many names is, Chanchala, the restless and whimsical one, who does not like to stay in one place. She loves to move around and so people are advised not to keep images of her in the house where she is shown standing; she may feel unwelcome and she may leave. So in traditional images she is always shown seated comfortably on a lotus.

The whole point of this rather visual characterisation is to inform people that wealth loves to move. The value of wealth emerges only when it exchanges hands. Lakshmi's symbol is her footprint and it is always drawn pointing into the house. The idea being to align the restless and mobile nature of the Goddess with our own desire to see fortune favour us.

Realising the criticality of Lakshmi's movement, rituals were created to encourage the flow of wealth in society. Typically, on festival days people were advised to wear new clothes. New clothes meant income for the weaver which in turn meant income for dyers, spinners and farmers who grew the cotton and silk. People were also encouraged to break old pots and buy new pots in festival time thereby boosting the income of potters and the economy.

In festivals like *Dhanteras*, people are encouraged to buy metal, especially iron and gold which in turn helped metal smiths and miners. Another important ritual was the exchange of gifts, especially food items, either prepared at home or bought from the sweet shop and shared with friends and neighbours. During festival time, the arts were encouraged thereby providing livelihood to artists. Musicians, dancers, singers, street performers were invited by landlords to entertain the village.

Wealth moved in three ways — *Bhiksha, Dakshina and Daan*. *Bhiksha* was the lowest form where someone had to ask for it. *Dakshina* was a service fee, commonly associated with priests, but also given to other service-providers. From this has come the practice of *Bakshish*. The best way to allow wealth to move was *Daan*, to give away wealth freely, voluntarily and generously. During festival time, all three forms of exchange were encouraged: *Bhiksha* to beggars, *Dakshina* to priests and tradesmen, and *Daan* to everyone around.

The ancient Vedic *yagna* could be seen an elaborate method to boost movement of Lakshmi. It was at this ceremony that wealth exchanged hands. The potters provided the bricks, the woodcutters provided the wood, the farmers provided the grain and the cotton, the herdsmen provided the milk and the ghee, the weavers provided the cloth, the carpenters provided the wooden implements. At the end of the ritual, everyone, including the Brahmin, got the gifts of the ceremony. And the patron ensured everyone left happy with grain and cloth and pots of ghee.

As society evolved, the place where Lakshmi exchanged hands was the market place and the fairs. The fair was a temporary market place that moved from place to place, establishing itself during festival time, catering to the needs of devotees and pilgrims. In fact, India's biggest market places are also India's biggest pilgrimages, and the peak sales season is invariably festival time, indicating the close association of economy and religious practices.

As one hears the story of Lakshmi and the importance given to new clothes and new vessels in rituals, one cannot help wonder if economy was in the minds of the Rishis when they designed the ceremonies. Lakshmi, after all, is the lifeblood of society.

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New Education Policy 2020 launched

Teaching in mother-tongue till Class 5: Centre

10+2 structure to be replaced with 5+3+3+4 curriculum structure corresponding to age groups 3-8, 8-11, 11-14 and 14-18 years respectively

New Delhi, July 30 (UNI)- Either one of the mother-tongue or the local/regional language will be the medium of instruction up to Class 5 in all Schools, the Union Government said yesterday while launching the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

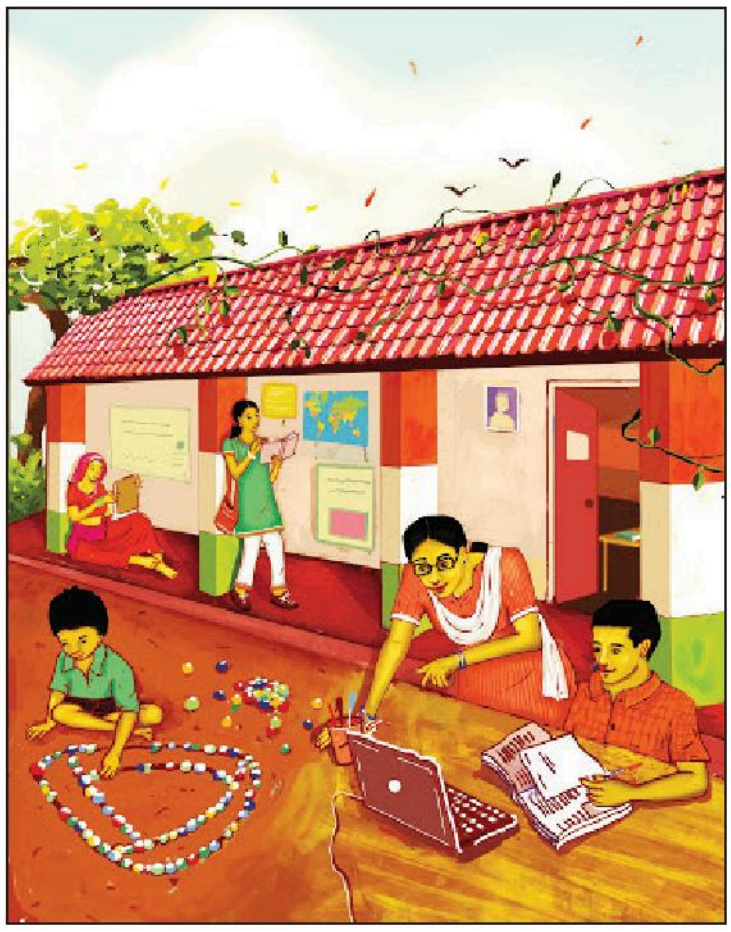
Among other changes in the revision of the NEP, last done over three decades ago, is the extension of Right To Education (RTE) to cover all children between three and 18 years of age. The policy also proposes vocational education, with internships, for students from Class 6, a change to the 10+2 schooling structure and a four-year Bachelor's programme.

NEP 2020 will bring two crore out-of-school children back into the mainstream, the Government has claimed. Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted saying he "wholeheartedly welcomed" the policy, which he called a "long due and much awaited reform in the education sector".

The mother-tongue or local or regional language is to be the medium of instruction in all Schools up to Class 5 (preferably till Class 8 and beyond), according to the policy. Under the NEP 2020, Sanskrit will be offered at all levels and foreign languages from the secondary school level. However, the policy also says "no language will be imposed on any student".

This point is likely to be viewed warily by many after controversy broke out in June last year, after the Draft NEP was seen by many Southern States as an attempt to impose Hindi on school students.

The 10+2 structure has been replaced with 5+3+3+4, consisting of 12 years of school and three of anganwadi or pre-school. This will be split as follows: A foundational stage (ages three and eight), three years of pre-primary (ages eight to 11), a preparatory stage (ages 11 to 14) and a secondary stage (ages 14 to 18). According to the Government the revised structure will "bring hitherto uncovered age group of three to six years, recognised globally as crucial stage for development of mental faculties, under school curriculum".



Instead of exams being held every year, school students will sit only for three — at Classes 3, 5 and 8. Assessment in other years will shift to a "regular and formative" style that is more "competency-based, promotes learning and development and tests higher-order skills, such as analysis, critical thinking and conceptual clarity".

Board exams will continue to be held for Classes 10 and 12 but even these will be re-designed with "holistic development" as the aim. Standards for this will be established by a new national assessment centre — PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development).

The policy, the Government has said, aims at reducing curriculum load of students and allowing them to become more "multi-disciplinary" and "multi-lingual". There will be no rigid separation between arts and sciences, between curricular and extra-curricular activities and between vocational and academic stream, the Government said.

To that end, the policy also proposes that higher education institutions like the IITs (Indian Institute of Technology) move towards "holistic education" by 2040 with greater inclusion of arts and humanities subjects for students studying science subjects, and vice versa.

The NEP 2020 proposes a four-year undergraduate programme with multiple exit options to give students flexibility. A multi-disciplinary Bachelor's degree will be awarded after completing four years of study. Students exiting after two years will get a diploma and those leaving after 12 months will be have studied a vocational/professional course. M.Phil. (Master of Philosophy) courses are to be discontinued.

A Higher Education Council of India (HECI) will be set up to regulate higher education; the focus will be on institutions that have 3,000 or more students. Among the Council's goals is to increase gross enrolment ratio from 26.3 per cent (2018) to 50 per cent by 2035. The HECI will not, however, have jurisdiction over legal and medical colleges.

The HECI will have four independent verticals — National Higher Education Regulatory Council for regulation, General Education Council to set standards, Higher Education Grants Council for funding and National Accreditation Council for Accreditation.

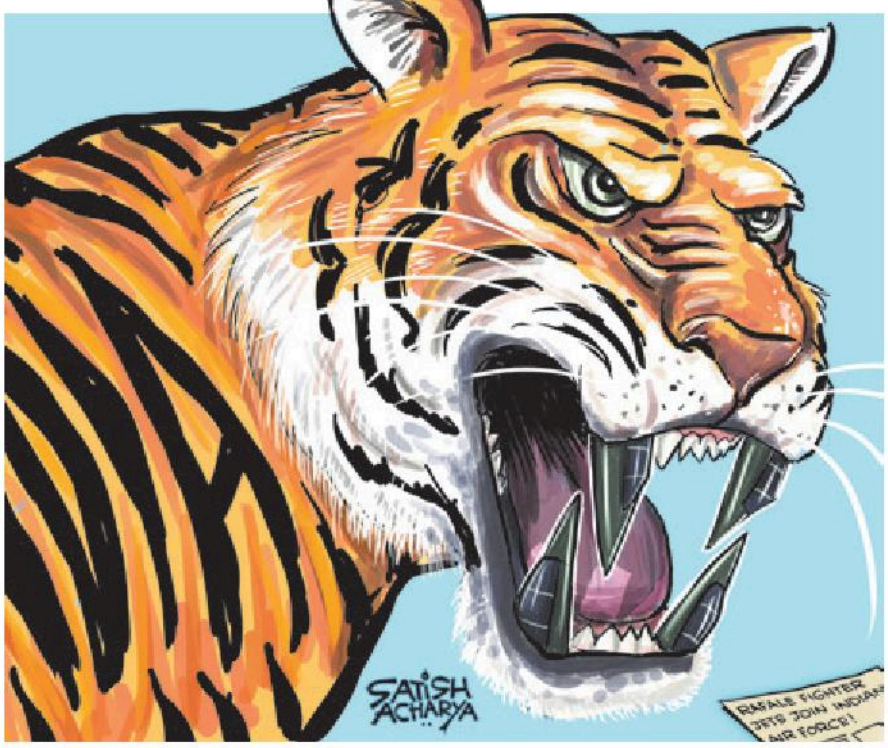
Rafales make Indian Air Force fierce

Ambala (Haryana), July 30 (UNI& Agencies)- The five Rafale fighter jets that landed in Ambala Air Base last afternoon will resurrect the Number 17 Golden Arrows squadron of the Indian Air Force. It will take the IAF's squadron strength to 31. When all the 36 Rafale jets are delivered by 2022, it will take it to 32 squadrons, still well below the 42 squadrons of the sanctioned strength.

The ability to strike air-to-air targets from up to 150 km away and safely hit land targets 300 km within enemy territory make India's Rafales some of the deadliest fighter jets flying in the world. Known for air-superiority and precision strikes, the French-made Rafales are India's first major acquisition of fighter planes in 23 years after the Sukhoi jets were imported from Russia.

The first five Rafales bought from France in a multi-billion-dollar deal landed in the country on Wednesday and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh used their arrival to launch a veiled warning to neighbouring China over territorial tensions. "If it is anyone who should be worried about or critical about this new capability of the Indian Air Force, it should be those who want to threaten our territorial integrity," Singh said.

The aircraft are capable of carrying a range of potent weapons. European missile maker MBDA's Meteor beyond visual range air-to-air missile, SCALP cruise missiles and MICA weapons system will be the mainstay of the weapons package of the Rafale jets.



Meteor is the next generation of BVR air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) designed to revolutionise air-to-air combat. The weapon has been developed by MBDA to combat common threats facing the UK, Germany, Italy, France, Spain and Sweden. The Meteor is powered by a unique rocket-ramjet motor that gives it far more engine power for much longer than any other missile, experts say.

The Meteor missile can target enemy aircraft from 150 km away. It can destroy enemy aircraft before they actually even get close to the Indian aircraft. If India had Rafales during the aerial encounter with Pakistan last year, the assumption is that many Pakistani F-16s would have been destroyed.

Rafales are also equipped to carry SCALP cruise missiles that can hit targets 300 km away. It means that an Indian Air Force Rafale taking off from Ambala, will be able to launch one of these weapons from well within Indian airspace to hit a target deep inside China.

The third weapon system is the MICA missile system. The MICA is a very versatile air-to-air missile. It comes with a radar seeker. It also comes with an infrared seeker and the reason which makes it very advanced is that it can be fired for the short-range to your long-range as well right up to a 100 km.

It's already in service with the Indian Air Force and used by Mirages. It is also the primary weapon system of Rafales. The Indian Air Force is procuring new generation medium-range modular air-to-ground weapon system Hammer to integrate with the Rafale jets.

Hammer (Highly Agile Modular Munition Extended Range) is a precision-guided missile developed by French defence major Safran. The missile was originally designed and manufactured for the French Air Force and Navy. Apart from weapons, Rafales also fly with SPECTRA — widely considered the world's most advanced fighter-based electronic warfare suite, a system which is the cornerstone of the Rafale's survivability against a host of the latest threats.

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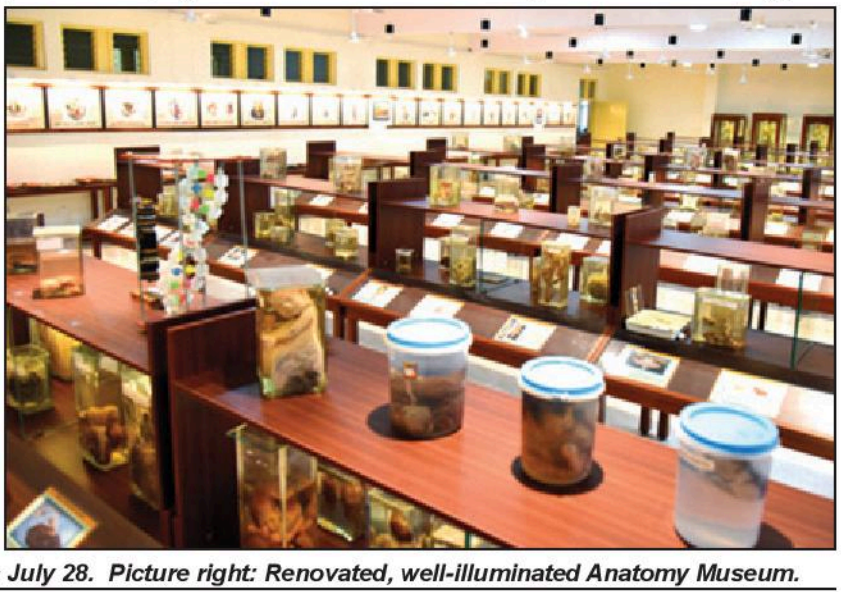
Renovated Anatomy Museum inaugurated at JSS

Mysuru, July 30- The renovated Anatomy Museum of JSS Medical College was inaugurated on July 28 by chief guest S.P. Manjunath, Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, by lighting the lamp.

Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, launched HIDI, a mobile application for medical students in learning Histology and Bar Codes of Museum specimens.

Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director-Academics, JSS AHER, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER, College Principal Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Vice-Principals Dr. M.N. Suma and Dr. G.V. Manjunath, Administrative Officer Sathish Chandra and Head of the Department with faculties of Anatomy were present on this occasion. The Museum exhibits a wide collection of specimens ranging from dissected human parts, foetuses showing different stages of development and rare congenital anomaly specimen, skeletons, embryology models, charts and plastinated specimens.

Bar Coding provides details about the specimens through audio and video mode. Each specimen is displayed with relevant description and images. The Museum creates awareness not only to health profession students but also to public and school children on health issues. It is open to public and students free of cost. School and College students of Mysuru and surrounding districts have been visiting Anatomy Museum to learn about body parts. On an average of 20 Schools and Colleges (50-200 students) visit the Museum every year.



Dignitaries during inauguration of Anatomy Museum at JSS Medical College in city on July 28. Picture right: Renovated, well-illuminated Anatomy Museum.

WORD OF THE DAY

Refulgence

Pronunciation: rih-FULL-junss
Meaning: A radiant or resplendent quality or state : brilliance.
Origin: "The full bow of the crescent moon peeps above the plain and shoots its gleaming arrows far and wide, filling the earth with a faint refulgence, as the glow of a good man's deeds shines for a while upon his little world after his sun has set, lighting the fainthearted travellers who follow on towards a fuller dawn." So British author Sir Henry Rider Haggard described the light of the moon in King Solomon's Mines, published in 1885. Haggard's example reflects both the modern meaning and the history of refulgence. That word derives from Latin refulgēre, which means "to shine brightly" and which is itself a descendant of the verb fulgēre, meaning "to shine." Fulgēre also underlies effulgence, a shining synonym of refulgence.
Example: "Looking back, ... I am inclined to date the burgeoning efulgence of our love to something more like the calendar equivalent of April." — Christopher Hitchens

THE ODD WORD

Rabbet

Groove cut to receive an edge.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Rack and ruin

Meaning: Complete destruction.
Origin: It might be thought that the rack in this phrase refers to the medieval torture device, as in the phrase rack one's brains. This rack is however a variant of the now defunct word wrack, more usually known to us now as wreck. The rather tautological use of the two similar words 'rack' and 'ruin' is for the sake of emphasis. In that respect the phrase follows the pattern of beck and call, chop and change, fair and square etc.
The term 'going to wreck' was the forerunner of 'rack and ruin' and was used as early as 1548, in a sermon by Ephraim Udall:
"The flocke goeth to wrecke and vtterly perisheth."
Henry Bull moved the phrase on to 'wrack and ruin' in his translation of Luther's Commentarie upon the fiftene psalmes, 1577:
"Whiles all things seeme to fall to wracke and ruine." Rack and ruinWe finally get to the contemporary 'rack and ruin' in 1599, when the Oxford historian Thomas Fowler published The history of Corpus Christi College:
"In the mean season the College shall goe to rack and ruin."
Judging from the accompanying picture the college seems to have survived the following 400 years quite well, and Fowler need not have worried.

QUOTE BOX

There's no such thing as ruining your life. Life's a pretty resilient thing, it turns out.— Sophie Kinsella.

RIDDLE THIS

I'm found in socks, scarves and mittens; and often in the paws of playful kittens. What am I?

Answer: Yarn.

SUDOKU

			6			5		7
		3				6		
8				9			4	
			1	2			3	
		9				4		
	4			3	5			
	8			1				5
		4				7		
2		7			8			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	9	8	3	2	4	1	6	5
4	6	5	9	8	1	2	7	3
2	3	1	5	7	6	4	8	9
1	2	4	8	3	7	9	5	6
9	8	6	1	5	2	3	4	7
3	5	7	4	6	9	8	2	1
6	1	3	2	4	5	7	9	8
8	7	2	6	9	3	5	1	4
5	4	9	7	1	8	6	3	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Very dry
5 Little devil
8 A sporting side
12 Capital of Ukraine
13 Nintendo's gaming console
14 Very scarce
15 An obsession (4,4)
17 "Sir,I" change for a girl!
18 Not, as a prefix?
19 Its capital is Kigali
21 Dickens novel ____ ___ of Two Cities (1,4)
24 Got a perfect score?
25 Wrath, anger or ferocity
26 Something left out
30 Required Time of Arrival
31 Notts river
32 Have being
33 Surpassing; getting the better of
35 Lengths of past lives or existences, in a way?
36 Regretted or repented
37 Simple instruments
38 An old inn
41 Another word for 'tune'
42 Length into breadth for a rectangular object?
43 People from Lhasa?
48 A young salmon
49 Fruit drink
50 Exchange fee
51 Murder or kill
52 Illuminated
53 Weeps or cries

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

I	L	E	■	F	E	A	R	■	C	L	E	O
C	O	X	■	O	R	S	O	■	E	V	A	N
E	U	P	H	O	R	I	C	■	D	I	R	E
■	■	A	I	D	E	D	■	P	A	I	L	S
R	I	N	D	■	D	E	B	A	R	■	■	■
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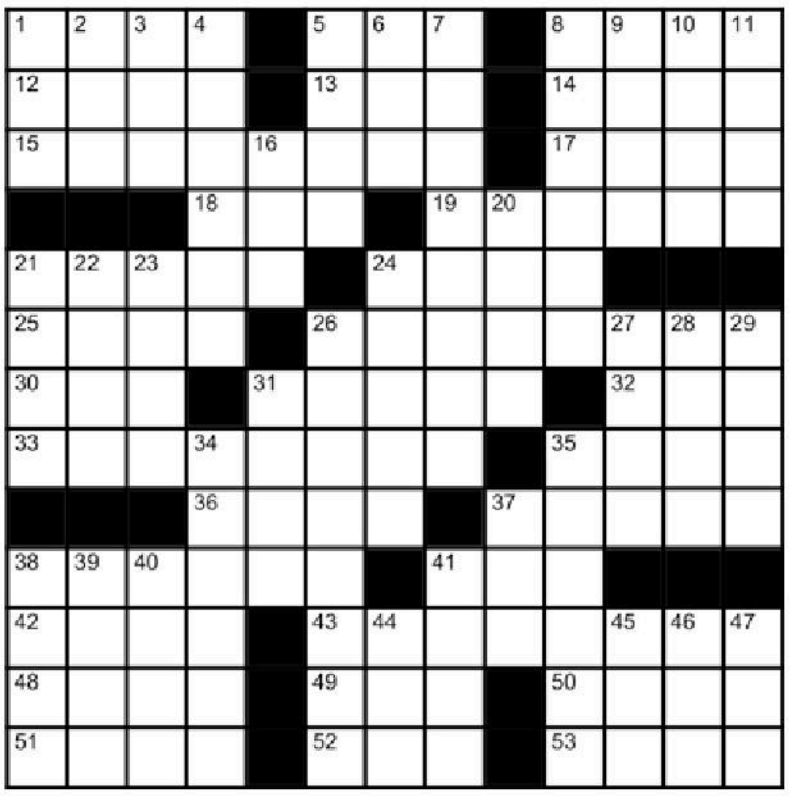
T	R	U	C	K	■	R	E	B	E	C	■	■
R	O	P	E	■	L	E	V	E	R	A	G	E
I	L	I	A	■	E	Y	E	S	■	C	O	O
P	E	N	N	■	T	A	R	T	■	Y	O	N

DOWN

1 Attachment for snow sport, etc
2 Muslim festival
3 Female ruff
4 Unruffledly
5 Game-ending pronouncement (1,3)
6 Blend, mingle
7 Penetrating or pricking with a needle?
8 Groups of three?
9 Gain by labour
10 Dry and moistureless
11 A table-land
16 Friend or ___ : sentry's call?
20 Compass direction?
21 Hairstyle
22 Ballerina's skirt
23 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
24 Correct
26 Asiatic, Chinese
27 Villain in Shakespeare's Othello
28 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
29 Headland
31 A trip or a journey
34 Dismal, cheerless
35 Major arteries
37 A type of neckwear
38 Connects into someone else's telephone secretly?
39 Russian sea
40 ___ Lynn : the famous singer?
41 Incite or encourage
44 Uganda's Amin
45 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
46 Point of a pen
47 Shipwreck signal



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VL OJ LVGDJ MCS NCQ'J DSPPKKN, LVQN CSJ

VL JAK HCDKG XKJD OQMJAVQX.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full.

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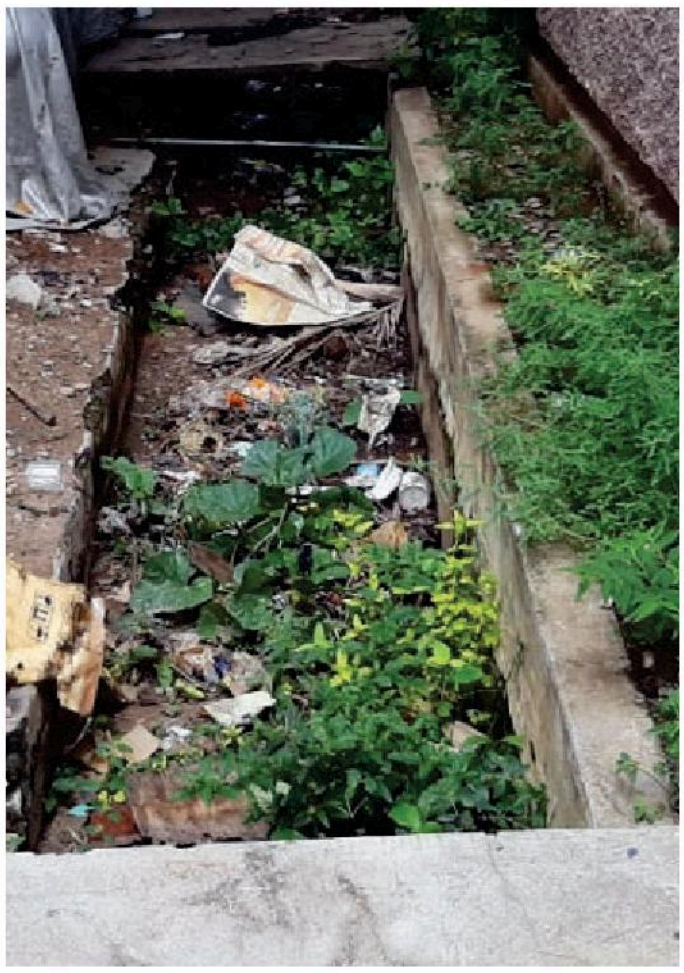
Plea to clear clogged drains in Bannimantap



Drains located at KSRTC Colony in Bannimantap is not cleaned and is not serving the purpose resulting in foul smell emanating from it. Added to it, the carcass of dead rodents are not removed forcing residents to cover their nose while passing on the road and residents are forced to bear the stench. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the drain cleaned at the earliest.

Exposed electric junction box posing danger at Indiranagar

An electric junction box installed on Manasara Road 6th Cross in Indiranagar is left with its underground electric cables exposed and the pit not covered properly. As rainy season has begun, rain water gets collected inside the pit which could pose danger. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to cover the pit at the earliest for the safety of all.

Row over commission: Massage parlour owner, employee arrested

Mysuru, July 30 - The City Police have arrested two persons for a youth's murder. And the reason for the killing is a row over bringing customers to a massage parlour on a commission basis. The youth, an auto driver by profession, was murdered on the night of July 21 and the arrests were made on July 27.

The Police have given the names of the accused as Kiran, 29 of Subhash Nagar and Dileep, 34 from Thandekere near K.R. Pet taluk in Mandya.

Darshan, aged 20 years and a resident of Hootagalli, was driving an auto for a living. He was found stabbed near the vegetable market, SBI Main Road in Hebbal on July 21 at about 8.30 pm and found lying in a pool of blood. Though a Garuda team that was passing by near the area rescued Darshan, he breathed his last on the way to a hospital. Later, the Hebbal Police registered a murder case and tracked down the culprits.

The motive behind the murder was professional differences as Darshan used to bring customers to massage parlours at Mysore Hotel Complex. After bringing customers, the massage parlours used to pay commission to Darshan and a row over commission erupted between Darshan, Kiran and Dileep. Police said that Kiran owned a massage parlour at Mysore Hotel Complex and Dileep was a worker there.

Based on the call records of Darshan, the Police were able to establish that Darshan was murdered by people known to him. Accordingly, the Police was able to arrest both from the Sub-urban Bus Stand on Tuesday.

After intense grilling, they confessed to the crime and told the Police that they had murdered Darshan as a fight broke out between them over commission. They revealed that on July 21, they had brought Darshan to Hebbal and stabbed him.

A Police team led by ACP (N.R. Sub-Division) M. Shivashankar cracked the case. The team included Inspector T. Cheluvegowda, PSI Kiran Arjun Hampiholi, ASI Anil K. Shankpal and Ramesh, Suresh and Gopal. They investigated the case under the guidance of DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha.

Labourer killed after falling from truck

Mysuru, July 30 (RK&KS)- A 22-year-old labourer was killed after he fell from a moving truck near Mandakalli Airport on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road on Tuesday.

The deceased is Fazil (22), son of Abdul Mubarak and a resident of Ghousianagar in city.

Fazil, after loading empty flower crates into the truck was proceeding towards Gundlupet by sitting on the empty flower crates. When the truck was proceeding near Mandakalli Airport, Fazil, who lost balance, fell on the road along with the empty crates resulting in him suffering serious head injuries.

He was rushed to a private hospital in city and was being taken to NIMHANS in Bengaluru for further treatment where he breathed his last mid way, according to Mysuru South Rural Police Sub-Inspector Vanaraju, who has registered a case. The body was shifted to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and body handed over to family members.

ASHA workers submit memorandum

Mysuru, July 30 (PM&SD)- Over 100 ASHA workers staged symbolic protest yesterday opposite Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office, urging State Government to fulfill their demands.

Speaking to press persons, All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) District Secretary Chandrashekar Meti said, "We were planning to lay siege to CM's residence in Bengaluru as well as DCs Offices in all the 30 districts of the State, but following assurance given by Health Minister B. Sriramulu that he will be holding a meeting with leaders of agitating ASHA workers in Bengaluru, we have dropped the idea."

"Based on the outcome of our meeting with Health Minister B. Sriramulu, we are going to decide on our future plans, but our demands remain the same and we have submitted a memorandum to Mysuru DC regarding our demands," he added

Karnataka Rajya Samyukta ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha District President Shubha Mangala, members Komala, Suneeta and others participated in the protest.

Dalit leaders protest

Members of Rajya Dalita Horata Samiti held protest at DC office premises yesterday against vandalism by some unknown miscreants at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's residence 'Rajgruha' in Mumbai. Protesters raised slogans and urged the administration to take stringent action against the miscreants. Samiti leaders Rajanna, Nanjappa, M. Paramesh, Mahadevaswami, Chandru and others took part.

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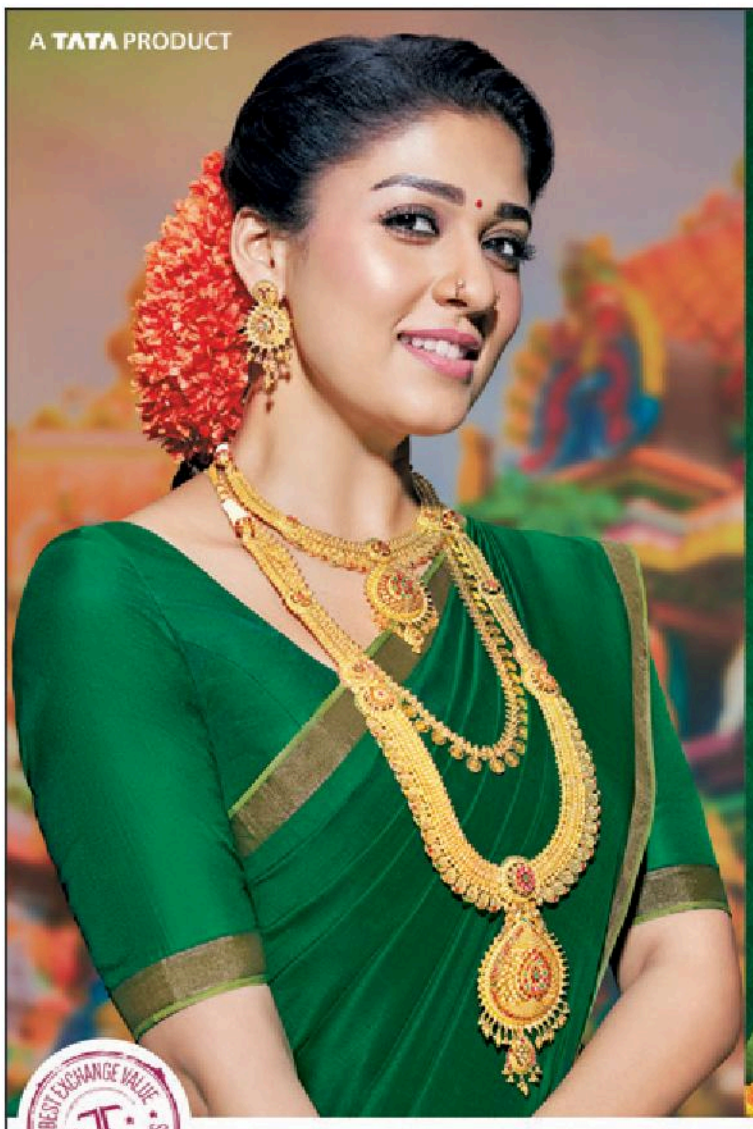

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